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Applicant: Gavin BREBNER) RE: Preliminary Amendment
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HARDWARE RESOURCES OF A COMPUTER") Date: November 5, 2001
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace original Claims 3, 7, 14, 16, and 19 with amended Claims 3, 7, 14, 16, and 19, which are set forth below. (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how original Claims 3, 7, 14, 16, and 19 were amended to produce amended Claims 3, 7, 14, 16, and 19.)

3. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein said monitoring agent connects to an accessory server and transmits a request containing information representative of the actual and ideal hardware resources to an external accessory server for the purpose of preparing and completing a transaction.

7. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 characterised in that said request transmitted to said conformity server conforms to the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), and contains a query string containing information representative of the type or model of the computer.

14. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 characterised in that said monitoring agent is downloaded from said conformity server.

16. (Amended) A transaction aid for assisting a transaction between an user and at least one remote server, the or each said remote server being prepared to process at least one predetermined command, said transaction aid comprising program code elements for carrying a method as claimed in claim 1.

19. (Amended) A transaction aid computer program product having program code elements for carrying out a method as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends 3, 7, 14, 16, and 19 so that these claims are no longer multiply dependent in order to reduce the official fees due in connection with this application. The Applicants may elect to amend Claims 3, 7, 14, 16, and 19 to make these claims again multiply dependent, or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

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Appendix A

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Please amend the Claims as follows:

3. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 (or 2) wherein said monitoring agent connects to an accessory server ((4)) and transmits a request containing information representative of the actual and ideal hardware resources to an external accessory server for the purpose of preparing and completing a transaction.

7. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 (or 2) characterised in that said request transmitted to said conformity server ((3)) conforms to the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), and contains a query string containing information representative of the type or model of the computer.

14. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 (or 2) characterised in that said monitoring agent is downloaded from said conformity server ((3)).

16. (Amended) A transaction aid for assisting a transaction between an user and at least one remote server ((3, 4)), the or each said remote server being prepared to process at least one predetermined command, said transaction aid comprising program code elements for carrying a method as claimed in (any preceding claim)claim 1.

19. (Amended) A transaction aid computer program product having program code elements for carrying out a method as claimed in (any of claims 1 to 14)claim 1.